

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2007
7:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 14th day of August 2007, in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for payment of all current bills. Mr. Nelson made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Lance Trousdale, Director of the White County Ambulance Service stated that the ambulance service fees were \$28,646.49 for the month of July and the expenditures were \$21,903.82 the expenditure figure also includes a \$918.00 payment for the newest ambulance. The county's general fund has not had to fund the every day operations of the Ambulance Service. Mr. Trousdale stated that the projected income on the Ambulance Service budget was \$205,000.00 and to date the Service has already collected \$181,055.56 which only leaves \$23,944.00 to be collected to meet the budget, which will end November 30, 2007. Mr. Trousdale stated that he would like to thank all the EMT's for the nights that they man the Ambulance at the Fairgrounds.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Treasurer put the real estate tax bills in the mail today.

Mr. Mike Ray stated that Sheriff Maier was out of town and that the jail had an income of \$66,311.00 and expenditures of \$142,900 which included salaries of \$57,297.00. He stated that Sheriff Maier's report did not contain the inmate population.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 Board meeting would be held on September 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had been asked by different individuals to pass a burn ordinance. Mr. Wooten stated that he did not fill it necessary to pass an ordinance, however he stated that individuals should be aware that the area is very dry and to use common sense and not be out burning brush piles etc.

Chairman Wooten stated that Ms. Hertzling was still working on animal control and she has contacted the Illinois Department of Agriculture for the forms that individuals can use to report the mistreatment of animals, such as the in humane treatment of the horses in Indiana, which will allow the County or State to begin and investigation.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Board had received a thank you card for the flowers sent by the Board and County employees (with their own money not county funds) from the family of H. L. "Spud" Poshard, a former County Board Member.

Chairman Wooten asked if there were any visitors that wished to address the Board.

Chairman Wooten introduced Dr. Glenn Poshard spokesperson for the Phoenix Foundation. Dr. Poshard spoke on the plight of rural health care and the need for White County to have a hospital. Dr. Poshard stated that the State has issued a Certificate of Need for both the Skilled Care and the Hospital. It will take around \$5 million dollars in improvements and operating capital to be able to open the hospital and Skilled Care. Dr. Poshard showed a slide presentation to the audience and the Board showing particular demographics, such as the make-up of White County's current population. The loss of the younger population and dollars spent for medical and other incidentals cost being lost to Indiana. Dr. Poshard also talked about private investors coming in to build a new hospital and what would be required of the City and County as far as incentives of land, infrastructure improvements, and tax incentives such as TIF districts or enterprise zones. Dr. Poshard asked the Board to consider a 1% sales tax referendum. Dr. Poshard stated that with a referendum the public would have a voice in whether they were interested in a hospital. The Board thanked Dr. Poshard for his time.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board for a motion to approve the 2008 Holiday Calendar. Mr. Ray made the motion to approve the Holiday Calendar, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten and Mr. Ray informed the Board about the increase in premium in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance policy. They explained that that Richard Sutton and Associates have put the insurance up for bid and that the employees have filled out applications for Health Alliance and Pekin Insurance to try and receive a bid from these companies. Chairman Wooten stated that the Board would probably have to meet at the end of the month to go over the bids and accept one of the coverage's. Chairman Wooten stated that the renewal date for the hospitalization was August 1, 2007 and that they would continue with the current coverage until such time the bid process had been completed.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Board needed a short Executive Session to discuss personnel in all departments. Mr. Ray made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss county personnel. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten explained that the next meeting was a day meeting and would be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.